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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Charrier, et al.
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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 15, 2003 (December 14 being a Sunday).

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$420.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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